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Front cover: Camphill, a unique experiment in communal living. Roger and Maria turn the cheeses in the Botton village community, which is founded on the philosophy of Rudolph Steiner. See page 122.  
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Toc H members accept a four-fold commitment:

- 1 To build friendships across the barriers that divide man from man.
- 2 To give personal service.
- 3 To find their own convictions while always being willing to listen to the views of others.
- 4 To work for the building of that better world which has been called the Kingdom of God.

This magazine, which acts as a forum for ideas about Toc H and about the world in which we live, takes its title from the third of these Four Points—to think fairly.

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# view point

## Sixty years deep

'Philosophers have only interpreted the world ... the point is to change it.'\*

That's what Toc H is all about—to change the world for the better, or in our interpretation: 'to work for the building of that better world which has been called the Kingdom of God'.

Toc H has always thrived on practicality rather than philosophy. At least, we have always achieved more when we've set out to get the job done, instead of talking *ad infinitum*. The strength of the Movement in the early days rested on its ability to draw into its ranks men from all walks of life who mucked in and got things done.

It's much more comfortable to talk, of course; rather more chilling to have to do something. 'Change is fine as long as you don't change me.' But, of course, the only way we will ever change the world is to change ourselves first.

The cry of brotherhood and progress from the Unions might ring true if we saw it more unselfishly applied to their own ranks. Socialist ministers who send their children to private schools immediately lose credit in the public eye—and so does Toc H when it lauds one standard and lives another.

But at its finest, our Movement's approach to progress is sound; first, because it does demand a sobering sacrifice—the recognition that if we are to be of any use as instruments for good, we must be prepared to change ourselves—and second, because it is so positive.

Toc H sets out to bring about unrealised potential for good: in men and women, in local communities, in the world. There is so much good and beauty around which is undiscovered or unappreciated. Somehow, the chemistry of Toc H's spirit of friendship, humour and compassion brings out the best in people. New talents are discovered, new beauties seen. Only in an atmosphere of friendship and acceptance could so many different people survive in Toc H, could they let their barriers down.

In the community, it is easy to see Toc H realising potential, as it draws people closer together and provides opportunities for relationships of friendship and trust to develop. It is obviously so much better if we organise and combine our efforts, for together we can overcome some of the frustrations of daily life: whether it is to oppose the building of high-rise flats, to give an outing to the elderly or to help mothers organise a playscheme for their children.

A voluntary organisation like Toc H can be a powerful force for unity in our society. It is certainly extremely well placed for building a healthy democratic community, in which all are encouraged to make their voice heard.

And if this all sounds like a lot of hard work? The 2,500 members gathered at Westminster to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of Toc H witness that for them, at least, it has been worth while.

Progress may be slow, but it must be steady. 'Our roots are our branches', claims a well-known bank. Toc H's are 60 years deep!

**S McW**

*\*Marx/Engels 1845*

**Look out for  
next month's  
Festival issue**



# A Design in Living

'Point Three' takes a look at life in the Camphill communities, founded on the philosophy of Rudolph Steiner.

**Sue Sutton**



Rudolph Steiner was an Austrian philosopher responsible for a whole new concept in education and community living.

Seeing the importance of balancing what he took to be the three main spheres of life—culture, work and religion—he believed that the well-being of a community of people working together became the greater the less the individual took from the proceeds of that work for himself.¶

Steiner's somewhat controversial theories on education allowed for the pupil to determine his own rate of progress. Within these self-imposed standards the pupil would then develop in his own particular time and fashion. For Steiner, the individual is ultimately self-determining.

On the basis of such a philosophy, and after many years of experience in Dr Rudolph Steiner's curative education for handicapped children and adolescents, Dr Karl König founded the Camphill Village Trust in 1954. The scheme, first introduced into this country by Dr König in 1939, was an experiment in providing a new and constructive way of life for mentally handicapped adults who would otherwise have remained at home, unemployed, or who would have drifted into institutions.

Work on the land played a great part in Steiner's thinking, and so it is hardly surprising that the Camphill communities are mainly rural: agricultural or horticultural.

The first of these communities to be formed was Botton village, started in 1955 and situated on the North Yorkshire moors. Here they farm both dairy and beef herds, and one of the specialities of Botton is its own cheese. Apart from its farming, this village also has a printing department—work

**Ernst helps Martyn set the circular saw** Photo: Peter Rauter



new to Camphill which helps in the printing of Camphill's own material and which has succeeded in securing outside work. Other activities at Botton include weaving, copperwork and glass engraving.

Newton Dee is another Camphill village, near Aberdeen in Scotland, which farms both cattle and vegetables. The village has workshops for woodwork and weaving, and a large bakery. Newton Dee also has its own industry, making concrete slabs for garden paths.

The third of these village communities is Grange, in Gloucestershire, which is largely horticultural, specialising in jams and fruit juices. Here again there are workshops for weaving and rug-making, and Grange has its own pottery.

As well as the three villages there are two town houses. These are based in urban areas for mentally handicapped adults in open employment and provide a semi-sheltered home life.

At the centre of the Camphill communities is Delrow House College, a rehabilitation and assessment centre which accepts the blind, deaf and epileptic in addition to the mentally handicapped. Delrow also accepts a proportion of people suffering from mental illness such as schizophrenia or psychopathic tendencies. All applicants for any of the Camphill centres are interviewed at Delrow by the medical adviser who holds a series of interviews five times per year.

In a rural setting near Watford in Hertfordshire, this large country house provides a special kind of community life, aiming towards rehabilitation into either open employment or one of the Camphill villages. Residents stay for periods ranging from a few days to several years, although

the average stay is about 18 months.

At Delrow there are large gardens providing fruit and vegetables, and the usual workshops. Training is given in soft-toy making, woodwork, horticulture and domestic work. As a college Delrow provides courses for residents in drama, puppetry, music and eurythmics—a dance and music therapy pioneered by Steiner.

Although there is no formal psychotherapy at Delrow, residents come together weekly to tell each other of their lives and ambitions. Together they are encouraged to formulate their own plans for the future.

All Christian religious festivals are observed and there are weekly Bible-reading groups. But although the Camphill communities are basically Christian, residents are not compelled to join in religious activities. It is left entirely to the individual to decide to what extent to become involved in leisure activities and what his working contribution to the community should be.

Very much a part of life at Delrow is Ann Harris, secretary of the Camphill Village Trust. A former art teacher, Ann joined the Camphill movement after meeting Dr König in Glasgow during the war. At his suggestion she joined him in his work in

Aberdeen. Ann believes that the Camphill way of life shows how to respect the handicapped for who they are. She feels strongly that: 'It is always easier to do things for people with a handicap, but what right have you to take away their independence?'

Ann Harris maintains that it is easier to return residents to outside employment from Delrow than from many other centres because landladies and employers are always able to fall back on Delrow in times of stress.

One of the most remarkable features of life with Camphill is that the residents and staff live and work together. Staff are co-workers in the community and receive no salary. Residents are never referred to as 'patients' and there is no distinction between 'on duty' and 'off duty'.

Co-workers come from all the European countries, many young people being attracted to a way of life that is based on something other than material standards. Together with the residents they participate side by side in the daily chores, sharing the leisure activities of the community.

The Camphill villages offer co-workers intending a career in social work a one-year professional course, including tutorials, lectures and plenty of practical experience. There is also a three-year course for those interested



A garden party at Delrow House  
Photo: Peter Rauter



## CAMPBILL

A design in living

*continued*

in the special theories of Rudolph Steiner.

Ann Harris believes that it is important that not everyone is highly trained. She believes that the presence of co-workers of goodwill who do not know much about the medical conditions of the residents is in itself therapeutic.

There is a constant programme of events bringing contact with the outside world. This helps to combat the problems of isolation. It was through this type of contact that Toc H in Watford became involved in a small way with life at Delrow.

Two years ago the branch provided a small team of volunteers to work along with residents and co-workers on the renovation of the college hut which had been

damaged by fire. Since then, Toc H has continued its friendship with the community by providing an evening of games and dancing in this hut every month.

As a charity, Campbill is not without its financial problems. The villages are recognised by the Department of Employment as sheltered workshops and receive grants accordingly. Their day-to-day management is covered by selling their products and they are to some extent self-supporting.

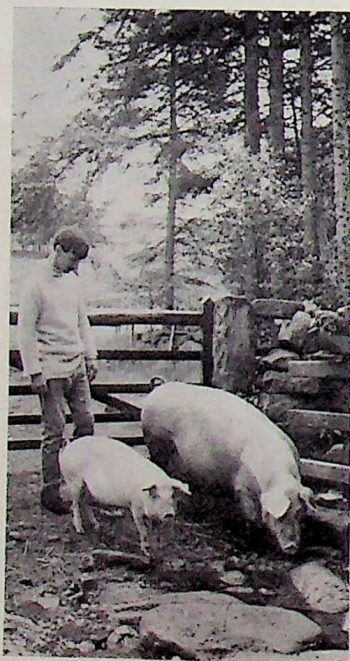
Delrow, however, is more of a training centre and so has to rely on the social service fees paid for each resident. These are low and Delrow is constantly falling back on its own fund-raising efforts and donations from the general public to help finance any expansion. There are grants available to Campbill from various public and private funds, but

further development is always causing financial headaches.

But despite the setbacks, the Campbill experiment has succeeded. The Trust now owns in excess of 600 acres of farm land over four estates on which over 500 residents and co-workers live and work. At the heart of the experiment Delrow is expanding with new buildings under way. There are as many as 600 people on its waiting list hoping for a chance to join one of the Campbill communities. Exciting new ventures such as the counselling service for parents and handicapped people, organised by the parents of Campbill residents, enjoys countrywide success.

20 years ago the first Campbill village began—'a community where mentally handicapped men and women could live the fullest lives possible ... establish themselves meaningfully ... work gainfully ... lead a family life normally'—a design in living that really worked.

David tends the pigs  
Photo: Peter Rauter



Dr Karl König, founder of the  
Campbill Village Trust, and friend





# talking point

## Practical man

**Frank Rice**, member of the  
North Wales & North West  
Regional Staff

*It's all very well in theory, but it  
won't work in practice!*

Do you see the 'practical' man as the man who gets things done and the 'thinking' man as an absent-minded academic who doesn't matter? This is foolish and dangerous. The *really* practical man is the man who won't be rushed into ill-considered action—the carpenter who measures twice and cuts once, the builder who makes sure of the foundations before he starts on the roof.

'Doing something about it' without first thinking out the nature of the problem is unlikely to be effective and could be disastrous. There is nothing 'practical' about the chap who looks for a gas leak with a lighted match or takes a swig from an unlabelled bottle to find out what it contains.

Many teachers and social workers are anxious and confused because they haven't done the necessary preliminary thinking. There is bewilderment in schools and colleges where some teachers have uncritically accepted techniques based on theories about man's nature which they haven't recognised and don't share. They haven't thought about the theory

and the practical side of their work suffers in the resultant confusion.

At root, all educational and social practices grow from one of two views about man—views often summed up as 'nature' and 'nurture'.

The traditional Christian view of man includes belief in 'original sin'. As a result of original sin, man, theologians have said, is 'prone to evil'. In practice, that means that we live in a state of tension, that we tend to move in the wrong direction, that to do anything worth while demands effort. Unless we constantly try to improve, we don't even stand still: we go backwards. Hence, traditionally, we have insisted on the educational value of training, of imposed disciplines which lead to self-discipline.

The opposite theory of the way man works produces a different pattern in practice and underlies much modern educational and social thinking. In its sharpest form, it began with Rousseau. It contends that man is naturally good and is made bad by a bad environment. If you can give a child nice surroundings, he will be good: he will want to learn and therefore he *will* learn. Pestalozzi said that, if you provided a child with a suitable environment, he would 'bloom naturally, like a flower'. For similar reasons, many early socialists believed that, if we gave men decent houses, we could pull down the prisons.

Now, there are respectable arguments for both viewpoints. Here, I simply suggest that we must consider the arguments and take up a position if we aim to be effective educators or social workers.

Of course, there is middle ground—particularly where action springs from love. If you believe in original sin, you can agree with Bishop Fulton Sheen that 'every

child should have an occasional pat on the back as long as it is applied low enough and hard enough'. It doesn't follow that you support Mr Squeers of Dotheboys Hall! We need not be environmentalists to fight against slum schools or against those who leave pensioners without hope or the poor without pride.

Let us be reasonable, but let us avoid being fooled—even by ourselves! Theory matters and thinking matters. If we believe that we are body and spirit and we grow only by personal effort and God's Grace, we shall take one pattern. If we believe that we are animal only, the chance product of a blind evolutionary process and responsive only to changes in our environment, then we shall find a different road. But let us be clear where the roads lead. If the atheist and the materialist are right about men's nature, if we are like ants or bees, then Hitler and Stalin were right to assess men's value solely in terms of their contribution to the State. If the Christian is right, then Hitler and Stalin and Mussolini were wrong, even when they made the trains run on time!

The thoughtful 'progressive' sets out to overthrow the existing educational and social systems so that he can build a new world. The thinking 'traditionalist' is also a social engineer: he wants to retain the system while improving its operation. Unless we think and settle our attitudes to these fundamental questions, we shall not be practical men getting things done, but innocents led by the nose. Don't be fooled by those who say that, provided we are seeking a good end, the means don't matter. The *really* practical man will think out the right road to his planned destination because he knows that the wrong road might lead him to the wrong place.

*If it's right in theory, it will work in practice.*



# personality point

## Scottish Regional Executive



*From the Regional Chairman, Pat Brownlee:*

'This is probably the most scattered Region of Toc H with branches as far apart as Prestwick and Nairn—some 240 miles in distance—covering the whole spectrum of community and industry.

'In these conditions, for any movement to thrive requires a grim determination and dedication which can only be described by the vernacular "thrawn". We Scots are proud to demonstrate our thrawnness *vis-à-vis* Toc H.

'Regionalisation has not really meant very much to us in this northern outpost as we have been regarded as a "race apart" long before we adopted Toc H, and we have coped adequately with self-determination for the past 50 years.

'We are, however, in the throes of becoming "regionalised" officially, and for the past year have been hammering out a system which we feel is right for us and which we are determined to make work successfully for the future. We feel that we are on the verge of a rebirth of this great Movement, and are now making certain that the ante- and post-natal services are of the best available anywhere.

'Possibly the best indication of this rebirth of the Movement is to be seen at Eyemouth where a group of about 24 young people are determinedly making sure of the future of Toc H and are on the verge of becoming our newest and youngest branch.

'We look not only back with pride but also forward with hope and confidence.'



Pat Brownlee



Alex Turner



Jack Millar

**Pat Brownlee** Regional Chairman and currently jobmaster of Selkirk branch. Involved with other branch members in visiting the elderly, and local mental hospital patients. Ran a Toc H youth club for many years. A keen fisherman; also enjoys hill-walking and gardening.

**Alex Turner** Having spent 13 years as general manager of the Dunfermline Savings Bank, Alex is well qualified to be Regional Treasurer. He also keeps the books for several other voluntary societies and is secretary to the local Abbeyfield Society. A member of Rotary, and elder of the church, he helped to start Telephone Samaritans in Dunfermline.

**Jack Millar** Regional Padre. Teacher at one of the largest comprehensive schools in western Europe—at Kirkcaldy—as Principal





Vera Inglis



Tom Kennedy



Lilian Ayres



Hugh Hunter

of Religious Education. Started his distinguished academic career at Ayr Academy, a selective school for the cream ('I was sufficiently clotted to merit admission.') Says he enjoys golf, preaching and singing.

**Vera Inglis** 'I'm a real Jill of all trades', says Vera, who has countless interests—including photography and local history, Girl Guides, and hospital broadcasting. Also runs a Toc H 'taxi service' for medical social workers and the Cripple Aid Society. Currently member of CEC and co-rep with Marjorie Berry on the Women's National Commission.

**Tom Kennedy** 'Paisley "buddie",' Tom says, 'with strong Glasgow connections'. Knew The Old House in 1917 when he was billeted in the



George Dunn



Jimmy Campbell



Ian Russell

southern outskirts of Poperinge during the abortive Passchendaele episode. Came home and started a Toc H group in Bolton, Lancs. Now a member of Prestwick branch and Central Councillor.

**Hugh Hunter** Joined Toc H 'by mistake', he says, 25 years ago, and has never regretted it since. Central Councillor for Ochils District, and does a lot of entertaining for hospital patients and the elderly. He's the man who missed his honeymoon: the first telegram opened at his wedding reception was from the Army and read: 'Return to your Unit immediately'!

**George Dunn** Born and bred in Coupar Angus, Perthshire, and now chairman of the Coupar Angus branch and Central Councillor for Tayforth. Life member of the local cricket club



Helen Thomson

and elder of the church. Has spent over 30 years with William Culross & Son Ltd, the printers. According to George's wife, Margaret, he is 'more than fully occupied'!

**Jimmy Campbell** A native of Jedburgh, in south-east Scotland, Jimmy was introduced to the Movement at the age of 14, through the Jedburgh Toc H boys' club. Now in Eyemouth where he recently helped to start Scotland's newest and youngest branch. For many years a keen sportsman and Group Scout-master; also enjoys amateur opera and drama.

**Ian Russell** Joined the staff nearly six years ago, from youth and community work. Had previously spent 10 years in the Merchant Navy, earning his Master Mariner's ticket. Also a trained weaver of Harris tweed. Lists as his interests: ski-ing, hill-walking, teaching navigation and Gaelic conversation.

**Lilian Ayres** Joined the staff two and a half years ago, to organise projects, after working as a youth and community leader in Fife. She has also trained as a cardiographer and hairdresser. A keen sky-diver, she also enjoys flying and driving, and helps to run the voluntary services lunch club in Glenrothes.

**Helen Thomson** Recruited to the staff in October 1970 as office secretary. A widow with two children, Helen is a former treasurer of Glenrothes branch and former Sunday school teacher. She quotes her interests as 'knitting, driving, bowling and shouting at Ian and Lilian'.



# news point

News, cartoons, crosswords and photos (clear black and white, please) are always welcome. Please send to: Editorial Office, 1 Forest Close, Wendover, Bucks HP22 6BT.

## Happiness with wheels on

Physically handicapped guests of Saffron Walden Toc H enjoy a mini-handi dance, helped by pupils of Saffron Walden County High School and local Scouts and Guides. They also heard a specially recorded goodwill message from a well-known Toc H member, Jimmy Savile.

Photos: Scott Shaw



## 'Our friend, your client'

Marcia Nicholson  
Toc H member and trainee social worker

Professional social workers recently spent a week-end at Alison House with Toc H staff and members and other voluntary workers to discuss what contribution the professional and volunteer can make to the community. The gathering recognised that traditional methods of helping must be changed if we are ever to meet the community's needs and expectations. Standards set by new social legislation continue to rise while resources grow more limited.

While there is still a great need for professional casework with individual clients, community work—by both professionals and volunteers—is tremendously important, for it encourages a community to grow by involving many people, as friends and clients, in helping one another. People do not always want to be on the receiving end.

There is a risk that in our desire to help others we are satisfying our own need to be needed—and denying this satisfaction to those we want to help. It is possible to be

too good a neighbour, as Michel Quoist points out in his book *Meet Christ and Live*.

The distinction between friend and client in the title of the week-end may suggest too rigid a barrier between volunteer and professional. It was encouraging to hear of fruitful liaison between Toc H and local authorities. Co-operating with a social service department can enable a voluntary group to become more involved in the community, give more friendship and support, and revitalise itself in the process. But co-operation requires commitment and possibly training—so that volunteers can provide more effective help. Some people thought that there was a risk of 'training out' spontaneity, which is one of the volunteer's greatest assets, while others pointed to the over-conscientious social worker who, lacking confidence in volunteers, feels that if he hands his client over to a voluntary friend, he is offering a second-class service. Training, it was contended, does bring greater satisfaction to the job.

The week-end was very stimulating. The need now is to carry the ideas forward, hoping for many more friends and a revitalised Toc H!



## Loughborough Jubilee

Toc H in Loughborough was privileged to have the Bishop of Leicester, Dr Ronald Williams, to preach at its Jubilee thanksgiving service in the Emmanuel Parish Church.

After the service, the Bishop dedicated a seat which has been placed in the church grounds, in memory of Mrs Margaret Edgington, a faithful Toc H member, and also a white beam tree which has been planted to mark the Jubilee.



## Accent on poetry at Alison House

Margaret George  
Co-founder, Poets' Vigilantes

Magical is the only way to describe the prevailing atmosphere during the poetry week-end organised by Sue Sutton, who also hosted it together with Edwin Harrison.

Eight poetry societies were represented, and the guest list read like a *Who's Who* in poetry, but to quote names would be both unnecessary and irrelevant since they clearly regarded themselves merely as a bunch of enthusiasts. A rumbustious, fun-loving crew, they clattered their way through their stint of mealtime chores with affectionate ribaldry and dispelled any image of poets as manic depressives.

Saturday sessions included dialect poetry; an informative talk on publication; a disco of taped readings by eminent contemporaries, coupled with a quiz (at which none shone); and various other readings.

A free afternoon set the energetic loose on surrounding beauty spots, while those lazily inclined lolled around Alison House in discussion groups.

A semblance of decorum was constantly threatened throughout the evening Workshop by an undercurrent of merriment which finally erupted into roars of encouragement when two bearded bards discovered each other as dab-hands (mouths?) with harmonicas; two instruments appeared and spirited duets added to the audible pandemonium.

Sunday morning brought more readings prior to lunch and departures. Sue was badgered with inquiries about next year's week-end as she and Edwin saw folk on their way. Most had long distances to travel; all left feeling renewed, stimulated—and hoping to be invited again.

Right: An imaginative ideal Bournemouth and Christchurch joint branch has given two bicycles to the Wessex School for Autistic Children, Christchurch

## Hospital Radio shock

Weymouth Toc H Hospital Broadcasting Service was horrified to discover that its underground wiring system had been ripped out—presumably by vandals. This put the broadcasting out of action for a week until the damage could be temporarily repaired.

'I'm afraid it is so badly damaged', said Mrs Rozetta Frankland, Toc H secretary of the service, 'that we will have to renew the wiring completely. To go back underground will cost £300, so we are now looking at the possibility of having overhead wiring, which is cheaper.'

So Weymouth Toc H is back to raising funds in the town. The Hospital League of Friends has offered to help, and Rozetta has received many other offers. 'My telephone hasn't stopped ringing', she says. 'It costs £200 per year to keep going, and we've always managed. The local Round Table has been paying for our landlines, which is a tremendous help.'

Luckily, the vandals did not get inside the studio, which only a month before had been kitted out with brand-new equipment.



## TO THE POINT

■ Congratulations to Looe branch which has just celebrated its fortieth anniversary with a service in the parish church of St Mary's.

■ And also to Felixstowe women's branch on the occasion of its twenty-fifth birthday. The members celebrated with a service of Light and Thanksgiving, including a celebration of Our Lady Day communion—and then a birthday party in the church hall.

■ Three new members were initiated at a special meeting of Clacton ladies' Friday branch, when the branch visited Kate Daniel's House at Weeley. Here live several elderly ladies, in self-contained flats, and the secretary of Clacton ladies' branch is Warden there. The residents enjoyed a talk about Toc H, refreshments and Bingo.

■ The elderly residents of Shalden Grange and Holmwood were lucky with the weather when they went for a coach trip through the New Forest. The trip, arranged by Bournemouth and Christchurch branch, ended up at the Toc H Centre, Iford, with a ham and salad tea.

■ Toc H sportsmen weren't so lucky. The sports planned for Saturday 17 May in Battersea Park were rained off, so competitors from all the London Marks and volunteer groups throughout the South East were disappointed.

■ Somerton branch, which has recently celebrated its rededication service, has provided 30 alarm buzzers for the elderly in the town.



## Toc H speaks out

Representations on behalf of Toc H have been made to the Wolfenden and Goodman Committees.

To the Wolfenden Committee inquiring into voluntary organisations, the Director and Headquarters Padre have said: 'We believe that the need for voluntary organisations will continue ... that the numbers of people employed by social service departments should be reduced, and the resources used to try and involve a great many more people in offering help on a voluntary basis. We believe that a flourishing voluntary sector is an essential prerequisite to a healthy democratic community.'

'We believe that the opportunities provided through Toc H for people to discover for themselves what it is that gives life a meaning and a purpose, are essential in a society in which there are no universally accepted values.'

Toc H has asked the Goodman Committee of Inquiry into Charity Law and Practice to recommend that rate relief for charities (under the 1967 General Rate Act) should be increased and made mandatory at 100 per cent, and that the Rate Support Grant made to local authorities should be increased, to offset any fall in their income.

## The second mile

Feeling unsatisfied that copies of the Help the Aged newspaper *Tours* were reaching all the people for whom it is intended, Bournemouth and Christchurch joint branch, assisted by Boscombe men's branch, carried out a survey of about 600 homes, around their Iford headquarters. They found nearly 200 homes where there was at least one senior citizen, and since then they have delivered a copy each month. Reg Collins, *Point Three* correspondent, writes that 'as well as liking the paper, the folk do appreciate a regular call each month'.

## Jubilee Concert

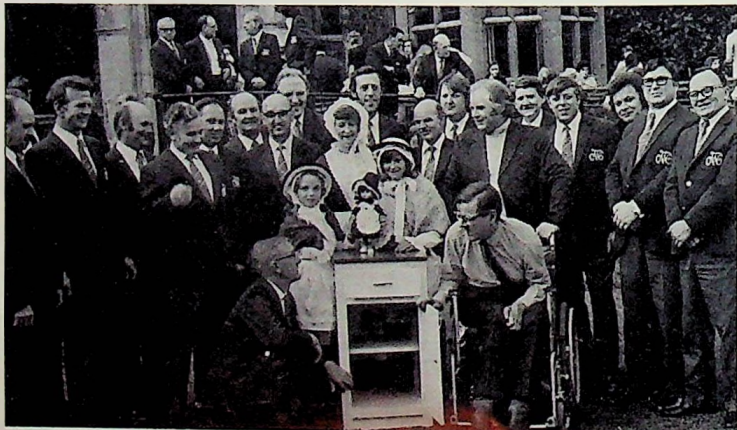
Reg Coates, *Point Three* correspondent

'A superb performance', commented Swindon Viewpoint television producer Nick Dean, as he recorded the Treorchy Male Choir at a Toc H Diamond Jubilee Concert, for transmission in Swindon.

The proceeds of the concert have been given for generally upgrading Greathouse Cheshire Home, where the Treorchy Choir has adopted a room.

Large Toc H parties came from Swindon, Newbury and Bath to help fill the capacity audience of nearly 900. During the interval, a tape-recorded message was played from Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, VC, the founder of the Cheshire Homes. He said: 'I cannot forget that right at the beginning, in 1948, at "Le Court" in Hampshire, the first of our homes, the organisation that first came to our help was Toc H; and so in this Diamond Jubilee Year I do say a very special "thank you" to all those in Toc H.'

John Smith, resident of Greathouse Cheshire Home, receives one of the 28 bedside lockers presented by the Treorchy Choir, from the proceeds of their 1973 concert. The Welsh ladies (left to right) are: Susan Coates (daughter of *Point Three* correspondent, Reg Coates), Mary Jones (the conductor's wife) and Eldrydd Mair Jones (his daughter). Eldrydd's skirt is over 100 years old  
Photo: Wiltshire Gazette



## Good use of branch rooms

Bridlington members, Yorkshire, have offered the use of their branch room to the local Gingerbread Group, for its pre-school play-group and twice-weekly meetings.

Gingerbread has been able to invite more people to its new and larger premises, and has doubled the frequency of meetings. There are spin-offs for Toc H too, says Terry Sowerby, branch secretary: 'We have decided to help each other in fund-raising and can support each other's activities. When we heard Gingerbread was trying to help children who have only one parent, we thought, "Well, that's what branch rooms are for".'

## Croydon rescue

The Croydon Centre volunteer group has joined forces with Croydon branch, which was in danger of having to close.

## Rochdale plans

The four branches in Rochdale are planning several coffee mornings and jumble sales to raise funds for ripple beds needed by the local hospitals. They are also holding an exhibition at the library illustrating the history of Toc H in Rochdale.



## Make your mark

One way of raising funds is to sell pens advertising the Jubilee. This is Deeside (North Wales) branch's idea, and the money raised will go to the Jubilee Appeal. They are also arranging a sale of work to support a local children's home.



Below: Miss Myrtle Quick, secretary of Hayle Toc H, hands over a cheque to Mrs Sylvia Evison of the Illogan St John Ambulance Division, Cornwall. The ladies of the branch have raised £39 to be divided between St John Ambulance and Cancer Research  
Photo: S Bennetts, West Briton, Truro



## Sing-along

A charity concert held by South Staffs and Wulfrun District in the Polytechnic Hall, Wolverhampton, raised £240 for the local hospital. The money will help to provide a rest room for children and their parents attending the Children's Leukaemia Centre.

## Welcome to

**Trevor Sizer**, who has just joined the field staff, soon to be working in the South West Region.



Trevor, a family man with three children, comes from Norwich, where he has been working for the social services. Through his job he has come into contact with 'Toc H, particularly with projects. He was the assistant organiser of the Vauxhall Centre, a social services centre providing recreational, occupational, social and educational facilities, giving priority to the handicapped. The centre has a fully equipped stage, classes for painting, pottery, choral singing, etc.

As a Methodist, Trevor has worked for many years with the Methodist Association of Youth Clubs and has also worked with Scouts. He and his wife Patricia are foster-parents to two children and Patricia has helped to start the Norfolk Foster Care Association.

The family are moving to Tavistock in September. We wish them all the best of luck.

## And to

**Roland Stockham**, a new long-term volunteer who has joined the North Eastern Region. Roland is living at Colsterdale until September when he goes to the Bangor Normal College to take a Diploma in Outdoor Activities.



# Toc H in the USA

A new initiative to launch Toc H in the USA is now under way -

A start has been made in California by a young American, Wayne Kistner, a former Winant volunteer. Wayne came to England as a Winant in 1971, returning in 1972 to work as a long-term volunteer in Birmingham. He was sufficiently impressed by the Movement in this country to want to start a similar expression back home.

So together with a friend, Darrell Terry, a former Methodist minister, Wayne has started a Community Concern project, which aims to promote the Toc H ideals of fellowship and service. Several projects have been organised which provide young people with a chance to do community work but, more important, which encourage them to develop friendships and a sense of belonging to a community.

There is no dearth of agencies in California recruiting voluntary labour, but few of them are interested enough in the volunteer to care what he thinks of his experience or how it has affected him. Few believe that the relationships created are more important than the number of jobs done—and it was to fill this missing dimension that Wayne started Community Concern.

Community Concern works closely with another community agency and counselling service called 'Straight Talk Clinic'. Two blocks away is the Cypress community college, from where many of the volunteers come. The last news we heard, in May, is that over 40 people are taking part in projects which demand a consistent commitment of attention and hard work. Apparently, the most popular project is in Mexico, where volunteers are building an orphanage and playing with the children. Wayne

writes: 'The Mexico project has a tremendous appeal to young people in the US because it provides a concrete outlet for their ideals of service. The orphanage is located amidst poverty and despair and our volunteers provide a glimmer of hope for the children who suffer from neglect and ignorance.'

Other volunteers visit a local convalescent home. 'The entertainment our groups provide is of poor quality', writes Wayne, but the visits provide the residents 'with one of the few escapes from their daily experience of loneliness'.

30 volunteers have given a party for 15 mentally handicapped children, and many more young people have taken part in week-end activities run by Community Concern. Plans are going ahead for an ambitious week-end project, designed to introduce some 500 young people to community work. It's rather like our 'How to run a city' project in Peterborough—but on a grander scale!

As a follow-up to all these activities, Wayne has organised regular discussion groups, known as 'Rap groups'. 'The fellowship and good fun experienced in these discussions can be seen as the most valid extension of the Toc H philosophy', claims Wayne. 'It has been from these groups that a real sense of fellowship and community has developed.'

'Discussion groups', explains Wayne, 'provide the supportive environment for individuals to explore the nature of man, conflicting concepts of God and their own motivation for helping others. The end result can hopefully be found in Community

Concern's ability to break through traditional philosophical and religious barriers, and in so doing, to foster a more meaningful concept of their community.'

Of course, Community Concern California is a small start, but its initiators hope that they will be able to use the Toc H ideal as a catalyst to spark off and bring together other like-minded groups. We in Britain have helped to get this new birth of Toc H off the ground by giving Community Concern a grant of £6,000. From now on, with some kind of track record established, they will be able to attract local funds for themselves and they hope that other local groups will develop. At an appropriate moment, they would hope to link these groups together and to form Toc H as a corporate body in America.



Having fun celebrating a birthday at the Tijuana orphanage in Mexico. That papier-mâché horse—called a 'pinata'—slung overhead on the rope, is filled with sweets. The birthday child is blindfolded and has to break open the pinata with a stick, whereupon it's everybody in!



# Chance of a Lifetime

## The Winant & Clayton volunteer exchange

by Judy Auton, Winant and Clayton Volunteer Secretary

**Every year a group of young people in Britain get the chance of a lifetime—to spend three months working in the States, seeing at first hand how another nation lives and works. These volunteers are sponsored and largely financed by Toc H. In return, we receive a group of Americans who come to do community work in Britain.**

This year 20 Clayton Volunteers are going to the USA to spend the summer working in inner-city areas in the east coast area of the States. Most of them are in their early twenties and come from places as far apart as Edinburgh and Somerset, though a large number of the group are from London. Inevitably, many of them are students because they have three months available during the summer holidays, but there are others who are already working in offices or in industry. All have some experience of working with children or on community projects, and we would like to encourage more firms to release their employees for this sort of work as part of their training.

All the volunteers will find themselves working in situations very different from those they are used to in this country. America is a foreign land, even if we do share approximately the same language. Many will be working with children on either camps or day programmes, often in either totally black or racially mixed areas in places like Paterson or Boston.

Several will be placed in New York City on a variety of projects

such as a drug rehabilitation programme, a psychiatric rehabilitation centre, or community work centred on a church. Others will be running children's programmes based on a museum, planning activities and encouraging children to use the facilities there. There are also placements in Alexandria, Utica and Poughkeepsie.

At the same time we have 26 Winant Volunteers who have come to work in this country for the summer. They come from all over the States and are now scattered throughout England.

Some volunteers are placed on a Toc H playscheme in Basingstoke, others with a Holidays-at-Home project in St Neots and others in Swindon and Newbury. A larger number are working in the London area. We have two placements at Jewish Community Centres and others at outdoor pursuit centres with the National Association of Boys' Clubs. Once again, the Queen Mother has invited the group of Winants to meet her at Clarence House.

The Winant and Clayton Volunteers offer an opportunity for young people to experience living and working in another country in a hectic way. The work they do is valuable, but what is gained in terms of experience and understanding is equally, if not more, important. In the long term the impact of this experience on the individual is probably the most valid reason for the continuation of the scheme.

Anyone over the age of 19 may apply for this scheme. Volunteers contribute £30 towards the cost of their fare; the rest of the fare, board and lodging, and pocket money is provided. We advise

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A building project at the orphanage. Volunteers are making a cement pavement for the proposed 'trade school'



# BREAKING OUT

by Elaine Lockwood

Toc H members at the Community Care and Concern Centre. Left to right: Peg Guile (Huddersfield branch), Jack Bennett (Lindley), Freda Ingleby (Paddock), Geoff Burrill (Lindley), Elaine Lockwood (Paddock)  
Photo: Huddersfield Examiner



On 7 April, a Community Care and Concern Centre was opened in Huddersfield. It has been set up by Huddersfield District and is manned by Toc H members and volunteers.

The idea was born two years ago, when our staff member, Bill Bains, met Alderman John Mernagh, the then Mayor of Huddersfield, and discussed with him his concern for the people in Brackenhall—a large council estate in the town. This idea germinated in Bill's mind— and by February 1974 Huddersfield District had decided to set up the Centre as a Diamond Jubilee project.

Communications have never been better, yet few people are aware of their civic and legal rights and few know where help may be found. We in Huddersfield District wanted to try to provide the necessary information—for

example, about social security, legal aid, mortgages—or at least to tell people where they could get help. At the same time, and more important, we wanted to offer personal friendship.

All the volunteers have a sincere desire to try to understand people's problems, people of all shades of colour and opinions. We feel that this development in human relationships is a vital step towards lessening frustration, ignorance and loneliness.

The Centre is housed in the Brackenhall United Reformed Church and is open three times a week: Monday, 10 am–12 noon; Wednesday, 2–4 pm; and Thursday, 5–7 pm. It is non-political, non-sectarian and is prepared to receive all concerns.

Over the year we have done a great deal of exploratory work

and have established good relationships with the social services, probation service, police, etc. We applied for grants to every conceivable source, but we have not been successful in receiving any financial aid whatsoever. This was most discouraging, but through the efforts of the District a charity shop raised £504, a dance £63, a raffle £37, and the District has given us £100. A publicity leaflet sent out with an appeal letter brought in £35, so that over half our budgeted expenditure has been received. Many more ideas are in the pipeline for bringing in the rest of the money. Publicity in the local press brought in half a dozen volunteer receptionists.

We were lucky—and grateful—to have lecturers who gave up their time to train our receptionists. They have come from the Samaritans, the Citizens' Advice



Bureau, Marriage Guidance Council, and include an educational psychologist and the President of the local Council of Social Services.

If you can visualise the receptionists almost smothered in leaflets which are coming in daily from the HMSO offices, and the bustling efficiency of all the helpers, I am quite sure that the next 12 months, which are certainly going to be a testing time for the Huddersfield District of Toc H, will be living proof that here is the Toc H spirit in action and one worthy of being cosseted for future generations.

One fact has emerged shining clear. If Toc H can establish the envisaged 'on-the-spot' help in this particular area we shall at least have contributed to the well-being and strengthening of family life in an area fraught with difficulties.

All this perhaps sounds rather grim, but a glimpse of the lighter side flashes through in unexpected places, as it always does in Toc H; as, for instance, when one of the boys from the Brackenhall United Reformed Church Brigade asked if this Toc H stuff had finished. Whereupon he was informed that it was only just beginning, and so it is!

Under the umbrella of Community Care, Toc H is planning a playscheme for some 25 mentally handicapped children for three weeks in the summer holidays. Colsterdale has also been brought into the picture. In June a party of the Brackenhall Boys' Brigade spent a weekend there, and there was also a full house of young Sikh girls for a week. One never knows what will turn up next!

So far the project has been a most exciting and challenging experience, and we hope that at the end of 12 months we can also say that it has been rewarding to Toc H.

## Toc H Southern Africa Celebrates its Golden Jubilee 1925-1975



On a beautiful morning in February, 150 Toc H members and friends made a pilgrimage to the birthplace of the Movement in Southern Africa. They gathered at the St Matthew's Mission Church, surrounded by the beauty of the Amatola mountains and forests of the Eastern Cape.

Here on 24 February 1925, in a house not 50 yards from the church, the first branch was started by Bert Oldfield, a house-master at the Mission school, and 'Uncle Harry' Ellison.

350 African pupils from the Mission joined Toc H for the Thanksgiving Service, which was followed by a slap-up lunch in Keiskammahock, four miles away.

Black and white gather at St Matthew's Mission Church to give thanks for the Golden Jubilee of Toc H, Southern Africa

A commemorative plaque in the St Matthew's Mission Church was unveiled by Billy Dale and Storr Hunter, two of the original branch members





# On Being Yourself

The late Harold Howe

We regret to announce the death of the Rev Harold Howe, on 29 May.

If in ancient times you visited, as anyone who was anybody did, the Temple of Apollo at Delphi, you would have been faced with the two words, 'Know thyself'. Your natural reaction might be: 'But surely of all people I know myself better than I know anyone else and than anyone else knows me.'

However, if that were true those two words would hardly have been selected as a divine command to all worshippers. Is it not all too easy to forget that I am what I appear to others to be, which is often startlingly different from the image I have of myself? 'O wad some pow'r the giftie gie us To see oursels as others see us.'

It is probably not until we reach old age that most of us can at last see our lives in perspective and perhaps get a better idea of the sort of person that we really are; but even then it is not too late to receive some shocks, usually through the casual revelation of a candid friend.

I have been exceptionally fortunate because I have had to dig up my roots three times, disturb my settled way of life and start again at the beginning. Until the end of 1945 I thought that nothing was likely to disturb my

settled and delightful life as a schoolmaster. But on the first day of 1947 I found myself trying to learn how to administer Toc H. After exactly five years to the day up came the roots again; and some six months after the sudden death of my wife I found myself seeking Ordination, which I had never for a moment thought of before. There followed 21 years in the Ministry as Curate, Vicar and finally ten blessed years of retirement and peregrination among some 30 churches. I call these last years blessed because for the first time I had no responsibility and no longer had to try to live up to my public image as Headmaster, Administrator or Vicar. In all three spheres of life I recognised my failure to reach an impossible standard, perhaps because in all of them I was 'putting on an act'; in the words of T S Eliot, 'preparing a face to meet the faces we must meet', and so not managing to discover the real person that I am. Then for the first time there was nothing else I had to be, or could be, but myself. It came as a relief and a release.

The most amazing fact about the world as God made it, and also the best single proof that only He could have made it, is that of all the 3,000 million or so human beings alive at this moment, no two are exactly alike; their individuality is marked in their fingerprints. And yet as individuals we have no real existence. Aristotle observed that 'By nature man is a political animal', designed to work in a *polis* or community. Being essentially a social animal, I can only find myself in relationship, in and through the other or others.

Everyone who has fallen in love recognises the truth of Shakespeare's lines in which one young lover says to the other,

'I cannot be  
Mine own nor anything to any if  
I be not thine';  
and again in his early love poem  
*The Phoenix and the Turtle*,  
'Either was the other's mine.'

The one is only complete, his real self, in and through the other; and this is true of all real personal relationships. It is true because it is the nature of God Himself to express Himself in relationship; this is the Doctrine of the Trinity, and what we mean when we say that 'God is Love'. 'Made in His image', my little 'I am' must be a reflection, however dim, of the great I AM. I can find my real self only in the relationship of loving, and ultimately only if 'I be Thine', find myself 'in Christ'.

I read with interest the new Director's address to the Council last October in which he spoke of the uniqueness of Toc H. I am really only developing his emphasis on personal relationships and on 'the journey of discovery which helps us to learn what we are'. For me, its uniqueness, its genius, lies in realising the creative power of the small group, of meetings at which, unlike so many we all have to attend, we really do meet each other in depth and discover that we are released to be ourselves in and through each other's company, to become vulnerable without 'preparing a face', to lose ourselves in each other. At its best it is (with one exception) the best expression I have found of the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Saint Paul, who knew human nature, speaks (2 Corinthians 3:16-18) of the 'veil' men wear over their faces, 'but when they turn to the Lord, the veil disappears'; and he sees our real self as 'reflecting like a mirror the glory of God until we are transformed into the same image, from glory to glory, by the power of the Holy Spirit'. As I look back I believe it must have been my experience of Toc H and its wonderful friendships that much later made that passage come alive for me and which has given me such understanding as I have of the discovery of the true self. ¶



## WRVS Children's Holiday Scheme

We have received a request from the Women's Royal Voluntary Service, asking if any Toc H members would like to take part in the WRVS Children's Holiday Scheme.

Every year WRVS undertakes to send underprivileged children on holiday. These children are not necessarily very poor, as they were when the WRVS Scheme first started in the 'fifties. Many come from disturbed homes or one-parent families; sometimes there are difficulties because parents themselves cannot get away, perhaps because of an elderly relative who cannot be left.

WRVS asks if anyone would like to take one or two children into their home, for a week, 10 days or a fortnight. Holidays are arranged throughout the year, but mostly during the school holidays in July and August.

The children are aged between five and 15. WRVS says: 'Some are mischievous, some are shy and diffident at first, but all react with real affection to a kind home.'

If you are interested, please apply to the local WRVS office (address in the telephone book) or to the WRVS Headquarters, 17 Old Park Lane, London W1V 4AJ. A member of WRVS would then arrange to visit you at home, and WRVS says that it makes every effort to meet requests as to the child's age, sex and interests. They also visit each child recommended to them.

WRVS arranges travel and escorts to and from the holiday home, ensures that the child has adequate holiday clothing, arranges a medical examination 48 hours before departure and, if required, makes a small grant towards the hostess's expenses.



The Mayor and Mayoress of Horwich, Lancs, chat to Mr and Mrs Wallace Kaye at the dinner and social organised by Toc H for 90 local pensioners  
Photo: *Evening News*, Bolton



91-year-old Mrs Harriet Gray is the oldest member of the Acton Toc H Blind Social Club and rightly had the honour of cutting the cake at a party held for 40 of their members. Seen here with Harriet is the Mayoress of Ealing, Mrs Anneliese Surry  
Photo: *Acton Gazette*



# LETTERS

## 'With a health unto His Majesty'

'In Quires and Places where they sing here followeth the anthem.' No prize is offered for recognising that phrase from the *Book of Common Prayer*. To me it always marked the point at which the church service came alive. The congregation joined together and the boundary of the high wooden pews wherein we prayed was overridden by triumphant organ and voices.

And when I was taken to the first mysterious meeting of a number of men calling themselves Toc H, I was impressed by the way they devoted (devoted in all its meanings) time to singing. At least ten minutes of songs, some I knew, some that made me smile and some I had never heard before.

I feel that Toc H branches lack the basic wherewithal to provide the singing that used to exist within the Movement. The pianist is no longer a commonplace; no longer can one rely on there being somebody who can sit down and play some sort of repertoire, and at present we have no alternative available. So I have suggested to my good friend, the Rev John Hull, that a tape of Toc H songs should be produced.

Nearly every branch has access to a tape recorder and so music can be easily available.

Toc H meetings, 'get-togethers' and guest nights would have a greater impact if we had more music available. It has always been easier to go the second mile or even the last steps with a song in the heart. That is how Mr Standfast's daughter crossed at the end of *Pilgrim's Progress*.

**Dick Moody** *Clacton-on-Sea, Essex*

## Tape exchanges

I often wonder if people really realise the joy that one receives and can give through recording messages on tapes. Cassettes of today make it much easier. In this branch we still use a Grundig. In the early days our main work was of Nine Carols at church, harvest festivals and wedding ceremonies. So many lonely and handicapped people enjoy them in their homes.

In taking over the presidency of our Blind Club, I found a great need for the spoken word to get to their relatives across the world. Thier voices brought them nearer, in particular the voices of their grandchildren, often to be heard for the first time.

Our friend from Australia asked for a three-month exchange, and recently five friends in the next village met and made a 12-minute tape for a blind aunt to send to her nephew. The return should soon be with us. We hope to do more exchanges, and are helped in this by our Round Table who subscribe to our fund and enable us to pay for the tape and the cost of airmail.

Another idea could be to have a library of talks etc or to belong to a tape club. In one of my trips to the Old House and the Salient, an Australian in the party recorded many parts, and eventually sent me an edited tape, part of which included the Ceremony of the Last Post at the Menin Gate.

We have found that when a new friend comes along it is best to contact the branch of Toc H nearest to the recipient, who will play it back.

**George Moore**  
*Saffron Walden, Essex*

## Toc H into Europe

My spirit of fairmindedness was stretched almost to the limit after reading Richard Green's article 'Toc H into Europe'.

It was not so much the article itself, clearly expressing Richard Green's pro-Market views, to which he is, of course, perfectly

entitled. But what rankled was the last paragraph urging all members to discuss the matter fairmindedly and without prejudice, and indicating that the columns of *Point Three* provided the ideal opportunity for members to express their views.

This would have been fine had Richard Green's article been published two or three months earlier, but at this late stage, any expression of view (if published) would not be read by any but perhaps a few of your readers until after the Referendum had taken place, and would therefore serve no useful purpose.

For what it is worth, my own view can be summed up in the words of a university senior lecturer friend of mine: 'Where-deep in our hearts—does our loyalty lie?'

**Frank Barter**  
*Rowlands Castle, Hants*

## All Hallows Songs of Praise

Several members have written letters expressing their disappointment that no mention of Toc H or of Tubby was included in the Whit Sunday *Songs of Praise* programme from All Hallows.

It should be made clear that references were included in the original script—as the Vicar had indeed been sure to point out the Toc H context of the church—but in cutting the programme to the required length the BBC saw fit to remove these bits. The Vicar and staff of All Hallows are very upset about this, but none of us has any control over what goes on in the cutting room.

The Director is taking up the matter with the BBC.  
*Ed*

## The housebound

I am wondering what priority members of Toc H give to visiting the housebound: the handicapped, the elderly, the lonely and the dying. I am one of the most fortunate in that I have a lovely room, a small garden to cultivate, two devoted daughters, a few special



friends who visit me regularly and many who drop in from time to time, as well as a wide correspondence. I am also blessed with inner resources to fall back on. And yet there are times when having to spend 23 hours out of every 24 in one room, I seem to long for company, even though I actually love being alone. I can no longer visit anyone because I am housebound. For the first time I realise what it must be to be left alone for 24 hours or for the most part of the day; there must be thousands who are desperately lonely.

I am struck by the number of my friends who live quite close who never visit me, though I know they remember me in their prayers and send me messages. Their motives are laudable: 'He won't want to see me; I should be intruding', etc. As a parson I was privileged to have the entry into every home. When someone told me she did not want me to call, I said I would knock when passing and would understand if she did not answer; in one case I found myself always welcomed and went on calling until she died. The lonely may tell you they don't want you, but in fact they do. There may be many members who for the best of reasons do not visit the housebound. To them I would say: make the experiment. You will always yourself derive more benefit than you confer.

**The late Harold Howe**  
*Sevenoaks, Kent*

## Thought for the day

It is a sobering thought that probably only between the bed-sheets\* are you not on display as representing Toc H. Toc H is judged not on publicity hand-outs but by the people who work for the Movement. To the customer, to friends, to the new member of staff you are Toc H.

**Keith Rea** *Commissioner, BAOR*

*\*This is why the wearing of badges on pyjamas is not recommended—ouch!*

## Obituary

**We regret to announce the death of**

**Sir Tresham Lever, Bt**, author of the biography *Clayton of Toc H*, on 20 April

**and of the following members:**

**In August:** Reginald H Shorto.

**In March:** Bernard Parker (Carlisle).

**In April:** Robert J Banwell (Bolton), Frederick C Connor (Dukinfield), Thomas W Hastings (Barton-on-Humber), William J Hawkes (Biggleswade), Margaret E Lampard (Greathouse), Amy Mills (Pocklington Court), Valerie G Phillips (Sudbury), Alfred E Toney (Edgmond), John Waterman (Dartford).

**In May:** Albert E D Aitchison (Leigh-on-Sea), Roland Forster (Codsall), Harold Howe, Samuel Hunter (Chingford), Charles J Hupfield (Sussex District), Wilhelmina Q May (Abingdon District), Elizabeth H Summers (Dartford), Robert E J Thomas (Southend-on-Sea), Elsie Young (Kirkley).

**We give thanks for their lives.**

A tribute to the Rev Harold Howe will appear in August.

*Due to an unfortunate coincidence William A Turner of Wimbledon branch was incorrectly published in the Obituary in May. We apologise to Mr Turner for any embarrassment we may have caused. William A Turner, a builder of Dymchurch, died in February.*

**Would branch secretaries kindly inform the Registrar, George Dixon (at Wendover) of the death of branch members and include the membership number and date of death. You don't need to write to me as well—George will keep me in touch. Editor**

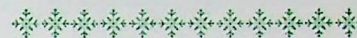


## Walking at Dor Knap

The storm was sweeping the sky  
With the beechwood trees,  
Brushing the clouds along,  
Clearing a way for the sun;  
Combing straight in their  
uplifted arms  
The tangled strands of the wind.

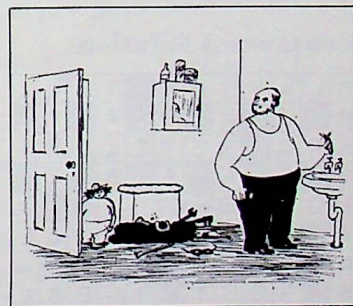
I thought of the Tree of God,  
Cruciform, stark and strong,  
Sweeping before it our clouds of  
unknowing;  
Drawing straight in its  
outstretched arms  
The tangled strands of our loving.

*This poem was written by a visitor to the Bordon Company's Quiet Week-end at Dor Knap on Palm Sunday week-end, earlier this year.*



*Chance of a Lifetime continued*

volunteers to take £100 with them, so that they can see as much of the country as possible in the three weeks' free time allowed for travelling. You would fly over in late June and return late September. Applications by 31 January every year; interviews and selection during February. Further information from: Judy Auton, Winant and Clayton Volunteer Secretary, 42 Crutched Friars, London EC3N 2AL.



'Dad, my English teacher's at the door with a policeman. They want a word with you about this essay we wrote on what our dads do for a living.'

Peter Brook



# Welcome Point

The following branches elected new members during May:

- 6—Builth Wells (j).
- 3—Potters Bar & Little Heath (j), Weston & Uphill (j).
- 2—Bristol Action (j) Group, Calstock (m), Chirk (m), Crewkerne (j), East Barnet (j), North Bucks District, Wem (j).
- 1—Accrington (j), Beaconsfield (m), Bideford (w), Biggleswade (m), Bournemouth (j), Chiltern Vale District, Chingford (j), Corsham (m), Enfield (w), Harlow (j), Group, Haverfordwest (j), Hayle (w), Holland-on-Sea (w), Kirkley (w), Merseyside District, Morecambe (w), Salcombe (j), Spalding (w), Stockport (w), Swindon District.

Welcome to 46 new members.

## Joining up

A new amalgamated District has been formed—under the name of The White Horse Vale District—from the former Abingdon and Caversham & Reading Districts. We wish them all success in their joint venture. They were privileged to have the company of the Mayor of Wantage, Councillor John Humphries, and his wife at their recent District dinner.

## Crossword Solution

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## Mister God, This is Anna

*Mister God, this is Anna* is one of the most exciting books I've read. It is the story of Anna, a little girl in the East End of London 30 years ago, and of her life with Fynn, the storyteller. It is about her relationship with him and the world they discover together, a world which always leads her back to her dear friend 'Mister God' who made it all. Ordinary everyday things become ways of finding her 'Mister God' anywhere, any time.

Anna can see patterns when others just see muddles. Sorting through those muddles and discovering the pattern so often made me say, 'Ah! listen to this!' In the introduction Vernon Sproston says that for him there are good, bad and indifferent books. Then there are 'Ah' books which bring a fundamental change to the reader's consciousness. This is an 'Ah' book.

The cockney dialogue is often uninhibited, to say the least, but the characters are real people. 'Ma B' and her puddings, the cockney Mum and the night-time people are all enchanting pen-portraits.

This extraordinary child Anna shows Fynn and the reader some of the wonder that is so often missed in our world today. I can only say please read the book, it's an experience. Beautifully illustrated by Papas, it is published by Collins (£2.50).

Karen Hull

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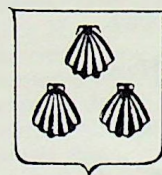
## advertisements

Small advertisements must be received (with remittance) five weeks before publication day, which is the first of the month. The charge is 3p a word (minimum 30p) to *Point Three* magazine. Rates of display advertisements can be obtained from the Editorial Office, Toc H, 1 Forest Close, Wendover, Bucks. Telephone: 0296 623911.

**Raise funds quickly, easily.** Superb ball-pens, combs, key fobs, diaries, etc, gold stamped to your requirements. Details: NORTHERN NOVELTIES, Bradford BD1 3HE.

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## Please note

That Toc H has moved from Mark VI,  
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The Toc H Centre  
24 Grove Avenue  
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Birmingham B13 9RU

Telephone 021-449 4668

as from 1 July 1975.

## British Forces Germany Youth Service

A voluntary service opportunity exists for a number of young men and women to serve as one-year voluntary youth leaders with Service children in north-west Europe. The task involves work in youth clubs already established, and is suitable for those with voluntary youth work interests who seek practical experience before undertaking professional training; or for others able to give one year's overseas service to young people as a part of further training.

Accommodation is provided and a small honorarium is paid (at present £460 pa).

Further details available through The Service Children's Education Authority, Ministry of Defence, Empress State Building, Lillie Road, London SW6 1TR.

# The Camphill Village Trust

**A national charity, provides communities and services helping mentally handicapped adults to a home and job, to cope with their own affairs and when possible to become independent members of society.**

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build more houses and workshops,  
expand our services further and reduce the lengthening list of people in need to join us

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**Please send donations to:**

General Association Secretary  
The Camphill Village Trust Ltd  
32 Heath Street, Stourbridge  
West Midlands DY8 1SB



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# COTSWOLD Festival

**Artistic Director: John Hull**

**Friday 5 September to Sunday 7 September**

Friday 5 at The Court, Broadway, at 7.30 pm  
an evening of Ballet, Madrigals and Wine

Ballet choreographed by Elizabeth Twistington Higgins and performed by  
the Chelmsford Dancers

Tickets £1

Saturday 6 September                      and  
at Dor Knap, Middle Hill, Broadway  
Toc H Anstey Band  
Morris Dancing  
Madrigals  
*Macbeth* by the Moseley Drama Group

Sunday 7 September  
  
Latchmere School Steel Band  
The Gleaners  
Music and Madrigals with  
The Occasional Six

Exhibition of paintings by members of Toc H and Mouth and Foot Painting Artists  
Poetry readings by Robin Gregory (International Poetry Society) and Nancy Griffiths  
Craft exhibitions: spinning and weaving, corn dollies and Touchstone jewellery

Tickets: 75p each day (inclusive of all events at Dor Knap)  
Children under 14: 25p

Lunches and light refreshments. Grounds open from 11 am. Concerts begin at 2pm.  
Free parking

Sunday 7 in the Old Church, Broadway, at 6.30 pm  
Evensong including a performance of Ballet by the Chelmsford Dancers and  
Choral Singing

All tickets available in advance from Dor Knap.